

HOME IS HAUNTED.  
BY HERO'S IMAGEAmazing Story of Apparition  
That Invariably Preceded  
Death.

## GHOST OF THE REVOLUTION

Members of Harassed House-  
hold Fought in Every War  
Since and Including '76.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, January 27.—In the northern end of the Valley of Virginia, in Jefferson county, West Virginia, standing in a majestic grove of oak trees over a century old, is a colonial mansion built before the war of the Revolution, upon land granted by the King of England, in which almost up to the present day the members of its household have been pursued by a ghostly ancestor, whose appearance has invariably brought death in the family.

The manor house was built near by the original home of a retired sea captain of distinguished lineage, who was directly descended from a hero of the war of independence, whose record in that patriotic struggle stands second only to that of George Washington.

The seafaring man, after losing practically everything abroad, caused by the depredations of the French on the high seas, retired to his country home to end his days.

## Sheltered Many Heroes.

The home stands a mute witness to the scenes during the Revolution, and was in the path of the two contending armies during the Civil War. Under its roof brave fighters of all the American wars since 1776, and including the Spanish-American conflict, have been sheltered. The men of this family were active participants in the various struggles and lineal descendants of the head of the family, who first settled that part of the country.

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## The Mounted Ghost.

This form was no less a personage than a hero of the Revolutionary War, who, when the call to arms was sounded, mounted his favorite riding horse, rode out a side lane, and aroused his neighbors to action. He gathered them at a spring on his place, now famous in that

## "77"

Dr. Humphreys' Seventy-  
Seven breaks up Colds and

## GRIP

A Cold is caused by the circulation of the blood receiving a sudden check—you know it by a creepy feeling and goose flesh; extreme lassitude and weakness; your strength oozes. A few doses of "Seventy-seven" at this early stage works wonders—restores the circulation—starts the blood coursing through the veins and breaks up your Cold.

At Druggists, 25 cents, or mailed.  
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locality as No. 76, and after forming a company, marched them north to join the army of George Washington. Since then a company was formed at this place to take part in the Spanish-American conflict.

The first of his house to go to the defense of his country made a record almost unsurpassed as a soldier of that period. When the British were conquered, the old hero returned home and soon answered his last order.

But while he had passed to the great beyond, his spirit at times mingled in the family circle or about the premises. It was because of his appearance among them that grew the superstition that when seen, some one of the household would soon be attacked by a fatality.

## Courier of Death.

Several years after the struggle for independence two men of the family were crossing a field near the premises, with an exclamation and pointed his finger toward a lane. There in plain view of both was the old warrior, mounted on his army steed, dashing down the lane through which he had passed at the first call to arms. His phantom-like figure was an exact counterpart of him the day he rode away. But a short time afterwards one of the men was taken ill with typhoid fever and died.

No significance was attached to the two events at the time, but about six years later the apparition again appeared, and was plainly seen in the wild dash down the lane. A daughter of the house sickened and passed away.

It was then that the coincidences were discussed, and the superstition became firmly imbedded in the minds of the descendants of the famous old fighter. They lived in mortal dread of his reappearance and for a time considered the advisability of disposing of the property and removing to some other locality, but this idea was finally abandoned.

## The Good Ghost.

As years passed and nothing further was seen of the ghostly form which brought misfortune, and the household had settled down to a life of peace and quiet, when it was again disturbed by the sight of another apparition. This time it was a little old woman in black, and those who saw her, stated that she was a negro. What calamity awaited them because of this supernatural visitor caused great speculation. But instead of bad luck the "Little Old Woman in Black," as she became to be known,

brought good luck in various forms. After her first visit letters were received from a near relative who resided in Maryland stating that this queer creature had appeared in their home. Her coming was also the result of good fortune to that branch of the family. Thereafter the "Little Old Woman in Black" was always welcome at the Virginia home, but no one but members of the family could see her, although others were present and would have her pointed out to them, the direction she was taking and what she was doing.

## Mad Horseman Reappears.

But the "Little Old Woman in Black" was superseded by the now unwelcome ancestor who perished on the march bringing himself to their view in another mad gallop down the lane. Again death entered the house. The head of the family succumbed to pneumonia. From the first day of his illness, while physicians brought all their skill to bear, there was no hope of recovery felt by his wife and children. They were firmly imbued with the belief that his death was caused by the reappearance of the apparition.

The eldest son, now the head of the place, sought to put an end to the wild rides of his grandfather. Calling a force of slaves, he had the lane ploughed from the barn to the main road, and across the field through which it ran he placed fences, thinking to stop the mad gallop of the old soldier and the ill fortune that invariably followed his ghostly movements.

The plan appeared to have been successful for years. There was no more trouble, and then the civil war broke out. The then head of the family entered the service of the Confederacy as a lieutenant, and, after four years' hard service, surrendered at Appomattox as commander of a Virginia cavalry regiment, which made an illustrious name for itself on many historic battle-fields.

Returning to his home, now almost desolated by the ravages of the civil war, he set about building up his fallen fortunes.

SPIRIT SURVIVES THE WAR.  
During the excitement of the war and the trying times which followed, the "banished" ancestor was forgotten for several years, while sons of the Confederate soldier were tilling the soil near the site of the old lane, they started back in fright. Down the path of the old lane thundered the revolutionary soldier mounted upon an animal of large proportions, taking fence after fence through field and out the main road, disappearing behind a clump of trees on the road to town nearby.

The sons returned to the house and told of having seen the ghostly rider. Before night the Confederate colonel received a telegram from Frederick, Md. informing him of the sudden death of a married daughter.

In the early '90s the colonel and his wife were sitting one summer afternoon upon the broad veranda, when both started from their chairs at once and pointed toward the route of the old lane. Both had seen the specter which brought calamity to the family. Turning to his wife the colonel asked:

"Which one will it be this time?" His wife did not reply but went into the house. A second day later she had before another return of the dreaded apparition the mother followed her to the grave, this visit having proved fatal.

The Spanish-American war broke out and with true military and patriotic instinct, the only son at home enlisted for service in a company commanded by a brother-in-law, leaving at home only his aged father and sister, the wife of the company commander referred to.

While the regiment was snowed in in a winter camp in one of the far Southern states, this son one night aroused his tent mates with the startling intelligence that a messenger boy had awakened him and handed him a telegram stating that his father, the Confederate colonel, had dropped dead suddenly while looking out the front window at his home.

The young soldier was immediately granted a furlough and left for his Virginia home. Then he told his father the particulars of his father's unexpected demise. He said that about dusk the old veteran, who was enjoying good health, was awaiting supper. He conversed with his daughter who was in an adjoining room and then went to the window looking toward the big road. Instantly he threw up his hands, one pointing toward old lane, toppled over and was dead before his daughter reached his side. It had been the specter of revolutionary days and was the last to gaze upon the apparition.

The fate which followed this family with such persistency since the last of the 18th century, the appalling death disaster coming closely upon the ghostly rider's appearance, again became the subject of discussion among the remaining members and it was decided to abandon the place. For a time it was let to a tenant and later was sold to a man of great wealth, who then gave the particulars of his father's unexpected demise. He said that about dusk the old veteran, who was enjoying good health, was awaiting supper. He conversed with his daughter who was in an adjoining room and then went to the window looking toward the big road. Instantly he threw up his hands, one pointing toward old lane, toppled over and was dead before his daughter reached his side. It had been the specter of revolutionary days and was the last to gaze upon the apparition.

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Coats! Coats! Coats!  
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Our entire stock in three lots. Three-quarter Length Coats, in plain, strapped, loose or fitted backs, material English Covert Cloth, Mixtures, Black Broadcloth and Taffeta Silk.

Lot 1—Coats that were \$12.50 and \$15.00 now \$7.00.  
Lot 2—Coats that were \$12.50 and \$22.50 now \$12.50.  
Lot 3—Coats that were \$27.50 and \$29.50 now \$17.50.

## Children's Coats.

Ten Coats, the balance of our entire stock of Children's Coats; former prices \$7.98 to \$15.50, now.....\$2.00

## Bath Robes and Dressing Sacques.

Made of All Wool Elderdown, long and short, colors pink, light blue and red; slightly soiled from handling; former prices \$2.00 to \$4.50, your pick.....50c

## Silk Waists.

Twenty-five Silk Waists, in light and dark colors, odds and ends from our regular stock; were \$5.50 to \$8.50, now.....\$2.00  
Twelve Handsome Silk and Chiffon Evening Waists, the balance of our stock; \$25.50 Waists now \$13.25, \$24.50 ones now \$12.25, \$12.50 ones \$6.75.

## White Goods.

Fine Checked Swisses, unusually fine and sheer, three sizes checks; value 19c, special.....12 1-2c  
Embroidered Dotted Swisses, fine and sheer; value 25c, special.....15c

Embroidered Dotted Swisses, fine and sheer, fine pin dots; value 40c, special.....25c  
40-inch Mercerized Batiste, fine, sheer, soft and silky; value 40c, special.....25c

Sheer and Fine Handkerchief Linen, fine and all linen; value 50c, special.....35c  
Fine, Good, All Pure Linen Lawn, special value, 25c

Linen Cambrics, full yard wide, all pure linen; value 40c, special.....20c  
Embroidered Swisses, figured dots and checks, new and exclusive designs.....10c

Persian Lawns, 45 inches wide, fine and sheer; special values.....15c, 19c, 25c  
French Lawns, fine and sheer, elegant washers and wearers; extra values.....15c, 17c, 23c, 29c, 35c to 50c

Mercerized Batistes, fine, soft and silky.....50c, 60c, 75c  
Mercerized Fancies, new, rich and very effective designs; special value.....19c, 25c, 20c

English Nainsooks, piece of 12 yards.....\$1.75 and \$2.00  
Long Cloth, piece of 12 yards.....\$1.00, \$1.10 and \$1.45

Comfort Cloth, pieces of 12 yards.....\$1.75  
REMNANTS WASH AND WHITE GOODS AT HALF PRICE.

## Wash Goods.

Printed Organdies, new, rich and tasty patterns and colorings; special values.....12 1-2c, 19c, 25c  
Printed French Organdies, best French goods, very stylish designs and colorings.....37 1-2c

Printed Dotted D'Sprit, new and stylish, exclusive designs and colorings.....\$1.25  
Printed Silk Mousselines, new and tasty patterns and colorings.....25c, 35c, 50c

Embroidered Zephyrs, new and very stylish, 60c  
Embroidered Linen, new and very effective, 60c  
Eolennies, silk and cotton, soft, clingy and silky; all colorings.....39c, 50c

Crepe De Chine, an unusual value, all street and evening shades.....50c  
Effluere, the cotton novelty, new, rich and exclusive; shown only here.....50c

Homespun Silks, new and pretty, all colors.....60c  
Durban Silks, new and very stylish, in all colors, 60c

Linen Suitings, all colors.....12 1-2c, 25c, 37 1-2c  
Real Irish Dimities, in new and tasty patterns and colorings.....25c

Printed Dotted Swisses, new and stylish designs and colorings.....12 1-2c  
REMNANTS WASH AND WHITE GOODS AT HALF PRICE.

## New Embroideries.

We have been months gathering this stock. It's ready now for your inspection. We only ask you to look at these; the prices and styles will do the rest.

Nainsook Edges, in new, dainty and tasty patterns, in widths from 4 to 9 inches; special values, 0 1-4c, 8 1-3c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c, 20c

Nainsook Insertions, in new and tasty patterns, and in widths from 4 to 4 inches; special values, 0 1-4c, 8 1-3c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c

Cambrie Edges, in new and very effective patterns, and in widths from 4 to 15 inches; special values, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c, 20c

Baby Match Sets, Edges and Insertions of Nainsook and Swiss, neat and dainty designs, 10c, 12 1-2c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c to 50c

New Medallions of Swiss and Batiste, entirely new ideas.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$5.00 a yard.

New Swiss Flouncings, new and very tasty designs, in widths of 15, 27 and 45 inches wide, with bands to match.....60c

New Batiste Flouncings, in white and cream, very effective designs.....25c

New Batiste Flouncings, with Baby Irish Edges and Medallions let in; new and stylish.....\$1.10, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c

New Ribbon Bindings, new ideas entirely, 8 1-3c, 10c, 12 1-2c, 15c, 16 2-3c, 20c, 25c

New Batiste and Swiss Allovers, in new and very effective designs.....\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$5.00 a yard.

FISHER'S  
Established 186541st Anniversary  
.....Celebration.

To-morrow we commence the third week of our interesting sale, and needless to say

## It Has Been a Success.

Of course a good thing like this cannot last forever, and we earnestly advise all who have an idea of buying not to put it off any longer, as the sensational bargains offered here are disappearing fast.

## We Offer This Week

For a choice selection of \$15.00, \$15.50 and \$15.00 Hand-Tailored Models in Double and Single-Breasted Suits, made in tasty designs of foreign and domestic fabrics.....

\$9.65

## In Our Boys' Department.

There are stacks of good things in the way of comfortable and durable apparel. Note these prices:

Boys' \$2.00 Suits and Overcoats.....\$1.85  
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## Bargains in Furnishings.

10c White Hemstitched Handkerchiefs.....8c  
10c Black and Tan Seamless Sox.....4c  
15c Silk Embroidered Sox.....9c  
25c and 50c Fancy Lisle Sox.....18c  
50c Fancy Ribbed and Fleece Underwear.....38c  
\$1.00 Pure Wool Underwear.....65c  
75c Heavy Weight Top Shirts.....44c  
50c and 75c Neckwear.....35c  
25c Suspenders.....11c  
50c Plush Windsor Caps.....23c  
50c Corduroy Knee Pants.....10c  
75c Men's and Boys' Wool Sweaters.....44c

## Special

Men's Derby and Soft Hats, \$1.50 quality.....



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Men's Wool \$1.50 Working Pants.....

89c 311 Broad Street, 1549 Main Street. 95c

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Invitations have been received here from Mr. and Mrs. James E. Carter, of 610 North Sixth Street, Richmond, Va., to the marriage of their daughter, Judith Livingston, to Professor John L. Hilliard, Wednesday, February 7th, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Miss Carter, for the past two years, has lived in West Point, holding a responsible position with J. Hess and Son. She has many friends in West Point. Professor Hilliard was associated with Professor J. T. Bethel in the West Point Seminary last session. He is now principal of the academy at Urbanna and superintendent of public schools in Maryland county. Successor to Dr. William dieux county. Professor Hilliard and wife will reside in Urbanna, Va., and will be at home to their friends after February 15th.

The young woman's missionary society of the Baptist Church elected the following officers for the ensuing year at their last meeting: Miss Margaret R. Howerton, president; Miss Lillian Roberts, treasurer; Miss Eula Churn, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Walter Ware, recording secretary. These young women contribute to foreign, home and State missions. Their contribution to the foreign mission is a Christmas offering to send the gospel to women in China. The contribution to home missions is to help raise the salary of Miss Hansen, who is working in Indian Territory among the wives and children of miners. Miss Hansen is supported entirely by the girls of Virginia.

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ment business man of Montgomery county, has purchased the handsome home of Mr. J. R. K. Cowan, on Eighth Street.

Capt. J. G. Osborne is in Richmond this week on business.

Mr. G. W. Yingling, upon whom an operation was performed Friday by Dr. Smith, is able to be out again.

Miss Lillian Longley will be hostess to the Lenten Events Club this afternoon. Colonel William Jordan, of Newbern, visited his daughter, Mrs. Selden Longley, the first of the week.

Mr. T. B. Stenstien, the newly appointed postmaster for East Radford, has returned from Roanoke, where he has been with the Ballou Fruit Company, and will enter soon on the discharge of his new duties.

Miss Angela Tinsley is conducting a

dancing class in East Radford. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ingles have gone to Florida for the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. Ira Van Doren, of Pocahontas, and Miss Helen Campbell, of Pulaski City, were guests of Mrs. W. B. Fagan Thursday night, en route to Pulaski, where Mrs. Van Doren will make an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. Campbell.

Miss Lizette Chaffin, of Pulaski City, entertained the Thursday Club this week at the home of her brother, Dr. W. W. Chaffin.

Mrs. Gilbert Walker, of Pulaski, entertained the Ladies' Euchre Club Friday afternoon, and the Junior Euchre Club will meet next week with Miss Mary Lou Campbell.

Two Radford girls who will go to Hy-men's altar with the blowing of the roses

are Miss Kate Moffet, now of Salt Lake City, and Miss Fannie Washington, of Birmingham, Ala.

The friends of Rev. W. S. Bullard, formerly of Radford, but now of Texarkana, Ark., will regret to learn that he has been for about two months and is still confined to his bed the greater portion of the time. Rev. F. F. Bullard, of Lynchburg, who recently suffered a severe attack of the heart, is out of danger, and begins to show signs of improvement.

G. W. Riddle, rector of the Episcopal Church at Pulaski City, has accepted a call to Norfolk.

Mr. D. L. Pile was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Peter, Thursday, en route from Roanoke, where he has been taking treatment, to his home at Glade Spring. Mr. Pile, who has been in poor health for some time, is much improved and expects to resume his duties the first of the month.

Mr. L. M. Clark, who was operated on last week at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, is reported doing finely.</